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In re the Application of Aiden Flanagan

Group Art Unit: 1752

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For LASER-INDUCED EXPLOSIVE VAPORIZATION COATING METHOD,
ASSOCIATED SYSTEM, AND DEVICE MADE BY THE METHOD

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☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

■ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications 10/782,056 filed February 18, 2004 and 10/789,606 filed February 27 2004, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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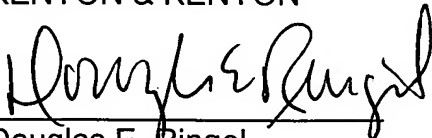
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☐ 10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

☐ 11. Other.

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